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Colorado

# Wins Case Against U. S.



W. J. DIXON

*Call 11-27-31*  
Who, acting as his own lawyer, beat the government in *case over the* ownership of oil shale lands in Colorado.



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## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION APPROVES HOWARD LAW SCHOOL

THE NEGRO LAWYER

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Howard University's law department was organized as an evening school in 1869, and in 1928 it was reorganized as a full-time day school. It is the only colored school ever considered for rating by the American Bar Association. Dr. Charles H. Houston is vice-dean in charge of the school of law.

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The law school of Howard University has been recognized as qualified to enter the brotherhood of law schools in America. The rating came after an investigation by an agent of the American Bar Association whose report was favorably received and adopted.

This gives to the American Negro one standard law school which is the only one yet to be so recognized.

The Negro lawyer is a slow growth in American commonwealths. This is due more to lack of opportunity than lack of ability, and, while the recognition of the Howard law school may not increase the number of Negro lawyers, it opens an avenue to the aspirations of young Negro men who have found it difficult to visualize the profession as attractive because of the obstacles in the way of their admission to the bar. The few Negro lawyers scattered here and there over the country are mostly the product of white universities and they are so few that they are rarely taken seriously.

There is business enough among Negroes in every large town to support a few Negroes in this profession. This will give encouragement to the talented Negro youth and afford the certainty of passing the bar as well as a stimulus to study the profession.

The Negro lawyer may not find a comfortable welcome at the bar on account of prejudice. But just as this must be overcome in other things it must be overcome there, and it must be done by dint of merit rather than any other consideration growing out of activities to alleviate prejudice. He is an important part of the baggage necessary on a journey to any state in which permanent economic progress is the goal.

Outside of the fact that the profession affords a means of accumulating wealth and respect, it is also a means through which an enlightened public sentiment and a higher respect for law will find its way to the mass of Negroes.

## TEN LAWYERS ADMITTED TO BAR RECORD

Largest Number Of Colored  
Attorneys Ever Admitted To  
Practice At One Time

Ten lawyers were announced this week as having successfully passed the rigid examination for admission to the Bar of the District of Columbia. This is said to be the largest number of colored attorneys ever to have passed the examination at one time.

All of the lawyers except two are graduates of the Howard Law School. These two, both teachers at Howard University are William H. Hastie, instructor in the Howard Law School, who is a graduate of Am-

herst College and the Harvard Law School, Jesse W. Lewis, acting head of the Department of Commerce and Finance of Howard University, who studied law privately. The names of those who passed the examination are: Richard R. Atkinson, Edward A. Beaubian, Charles Kiesler Brown, Jr., Emerson W. Browne, Andrews J. Howard, Jr., Malcolm Thornton Daniels, Jesse Walter Lewis, Alexander A. Mahey, Horace Ogden Pollard, and William Henry Hastie.

## W. H. LEWIS NAMED MEMBER POLICE TRIAL BOARD

Selected From Group Of  
Outstanding Men In  
District

William H. Lewis, 2907 Twenty-first street, southeast, member of the District of Columbia bar and

well known in civic affairs, was named Monday by the District Commissioners as one of five members on the special police trial board.

The names were chosen from a list of nominations submitted by a committee of presidents of civic organizations. Dr. George H. Richardson, president of the Federation of Civic Associations, submitted a list of 10 outstanding colored men. Attorney Lewis' name was selected from the group. Presidents of four white organizations sent in a similar list from which the four white members were selected.

Attorney Lewis is chairman of the Educational Committee of the Federation of Civic Associations and a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council. Other members selected by the Commission to serve with Attorney Lewis were William Knowles Cooper, Dr. Lloyd H. Marvin, Dr. Charles P. Neill and Rabbi Abram Simon, all white.

### Civilian Board

This civilian committee will compose a special police trial board and investigate charges growing out of cases involving citizens and police. The civilian board was selected following the grand jury investigation into police brutality and the third degree as practiced in the District by members of the Metropolitan Police Department. The old police trial board was composed entirely of police officers who are charged with white-washing cases where civilians were mishandled by officers. Members of the trial board will receive \$1 per week since the law requires that they do not serve for nothing.

The commissioners gave out the following statement after the appointment of the board:

"All of these gentlemen have accepted the invitation solely because of their interest in the District of Columbia and their willingness to aid in a public service. None of them is in any way associated with police affairs, and are outstanding citizens whose integrity insure a verdict which the Commissioners believe will be accepted as free from any bias."



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Harlan Terrell Law School.

# WASHINGTON TO OPEN NEW LAW SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—

A certificate of incorporation of a law school to be known as the Harlan-Terrell Law school was filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia Tuesday.

The trustees of the new school are Benjamin L. Gaskins, Lafayette M. Hershaw, Augustus W. Gray, Chester H. Jarvis, Louis R. Mehlinger, George A. Parker and Philip W. Thomas.

The certificate states that there will be established in the new law school professorships of the law of torts and property, equity jurisprudence, pleading and practice, criminal law, common law pleading and practice, law of contracts, evidence, constitutional and statute law, and such other professorships in special branches of the law as may be necessary or desirable.

The organizers state that the purpose of the new law school is to meet the need of an approved evening law school. The evening law school at Harvard university was abolished in



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## Want Bates to Head Bar Association

*Chicago*

More than 50 lawyers gathered in the Bird Cage Tea Room Tuesday evening and endorsed the candidacy of Alva L. Bates for president of the Cook County Bar association. Mr. Bates is a well-known South side attorney, having represented many prominent citizens and several large business concerns.

The lawyers were guests of Assistant State's Attorney Euclid L. Taylor, having a dinner and card party, and many speeches were made eulogizing Mr. Bates and indorsing his candidacy.

The speakers were: Henry M. Porter, former president of the association; Nathan S. Taylor, former assistant United States general; Harry Henderson, assistant United States attorney, recently sent to Chicago on special assignment; Warren B. Douglas, former state representative; Richard E. Westbrook, ex-president of the association and authority on habeas corpus; D. Frantz Williams, Charles Wilson, C. H. Tavernier, Thomas H. Johnson, William K. Hooks; William H. Temple, former city attorney; Richard Hill Jr., general counsel for Victory Life Insurance company; A. M. Burroughs, former president of the association.

The speakers urged the members to give their wholehearted support and active assistance and co-operation to the officers elected on the second Friday of this month. They stressed the fact that no organization is stronger than its weakest link and that the Bar association was greatly in need of the active, earnest and interested support of the members.

## Lawyers-1931 Presiding Judge



*Richardson*  
HENRY RICHARDSON JR.

For the first time in the history of Indianapolis an attorney of the Race acted as presiding judge in the superior court. He disposed of three civil cases in the forenoon session Wednesday. Richardson is only 28 years of age and lives at 229 1/2 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis.



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Kentucky

# ATTY. TUCKER APPEALS FOR NEW TRIAL

*Chicago, Ill.*

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 4.—  
Rev. C. Eubank Tucker, prominent clergyman and attorney who last May was assaulted by a mob of angry whites in Elizabethtown, Ky., as he was defending a client, Walter Newberry, has filed an appeal to the clerk of the court of appeals for a new trial for Newberry.

The attorney general granted an extension of time for the filing of the brief and the case will be heard at the November terms of the court at Frankfort.

Newberry, with two other Race men, was charged with the murder of a white farmer of Elizabethtown. He was found guilty and sentenced to die in the electric chair. Attorney Tucker based his plea for a new trial on the fact that he (Tucker) had been knocked down and injured by the mob during the hearing on the case and for that reason was not in the proper physical condition to protect his client's interests in court. He also maintained that the presence of the mob of whites around the courthouse prejudiced the case against his client and prevented the jury from calmly and dispassionately hearing the case. His plea was heard.

While the filing of the appeal for a new trial does not necessarily mean that Newberry will escape the electric chair, it does mean that he will have his day in court and that he will have a fair trial. The outcome of the case is being awaited with interest by citizens here because of the wide publicity given to the attack on the attorney while defending his client.



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Massachusetts.

**Young Negro Lawyer**  
**Appointed Clerk Of**  
**Boston Court**  
*3-7-31*  
*new york, n. y.*

Boston, Mass.—Attorney John T. Lane, 31 of 531 -A Columbus avenue, has been appointed by Governor Ely to be Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Boston. Mr. Lane will be the second person to hold the position, the position from its inception having been filled by the late Charles W. M. Williams for 25 years.

The new clerk is one of the younger group of lawyers of this city. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1926 and has worked for the Democratic party for several years.

He will receive a salary of \$3,500 annually.



# ATTORNEY HESLIP HEADS NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

**Indianapolis Is Chosen As Meeting Place In 1932. Resolution Condemns Laxity Of Law**

**CLARENCE DARROW HEARD**

**Memorial Is Held For Atty. Homer G. Phillips. Make Pilgrimage To Cleveland Courts**

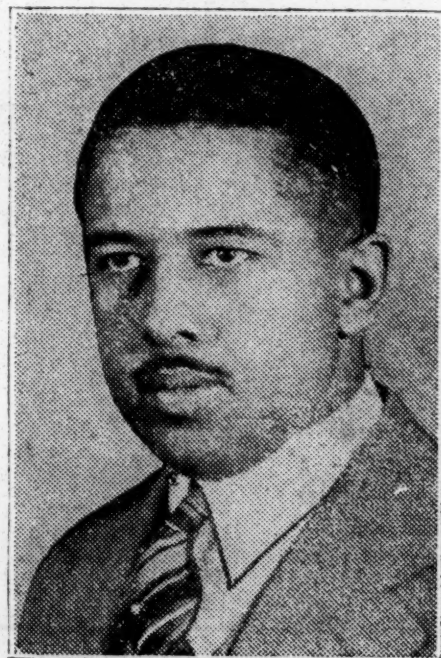
CLEVELAND, Aug. 12 — (CNS) With more than a hundred prominent lawyers from all sections of the country in attendance, the seventh annual convention of the National Bar Association came to a close Saturday after three days of activity. The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Western Reserve Republican Club with the Harlan Law Club as host.

Attorney Jesse S. Heslip of Toledo, O., was elected president, succeeding Attorney Raymond P. Alexander of Philadelphia. Indianapolis was chosen as the meeting place of the association in 1932.

Delegates to the convention went on record as in favor of stronger enforcement of the laws of the country, from the federal authority to local governments, and especially of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the federal constitution.

**City Manager Welcomes Body**  
Addresses of Welcome were heard by the assembled delegates from Hon. Daniel E. Morgan, City Manager of Cleveland on behalf of the city; Assistant Attorney General Robert B. Barcus on behalf of the Ohio lawyers; Wallace T. Fleming, vice-president of the Harlan Law Club on behalf of the hosts to the convention; and Clayborne George, Esq., speaking for the City Council. Responses for the bar association were made by Charles H. Callaway of Kansas City, Missouri; Richard Evans of Waco, Texas; Herman E. Moore, president of the Cook County Bar Association of Chicago, Illinois; and Oscar E.

**Is Regional Director Of National Bar Association**



**ATTY. SIDNEY R. REDMOND**

St. Louis was represented by the following lawyers at the annual convention of the National Bar Association which has just closed in Cleveland, Ohio.

Attorneys S. E. Garner, Sidney R. Redmond, Joseph L. McLemore, Frank S. Bledsoe, Albert Burgess and David M. Grant. Attorney Garner nominated Redmond for the regional director of the fourth district to which office he was elected. Following the addresses of welcome and the responses, President Alexander appointed committees to function throughout the convention and delivered his annual address.

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Other speakers during the sessions were Josiah F. Henry, Jr., president of the Monumental Bar Association, Baltimore; C. Francis Stafford, past president, Chicago; Jesse S. Heslip, Toledo.

**Other Officers Elected**  
Besides President Heslip, others of officers were Vice-presidents: Euclid Taylor, Chicago; Josiah F. Henry, Baltimore; E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia. Secretary, George W. Lawrence, Chicago; Assistant Secretary, Ollie M. Cooper, District of Columbia; Treasurer, Richard D. Evans, Waco, Texas; Regional Directors, Leland S. Hawkins, San Francisco; Gleaner Fowler, Minneapolis; Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis; William H. Haynes, Chicago; Charles F. Robinson, Washington, D. C.

**Leavenworth Atty. Elected Vice Pres. of National Bar Ass'n**

**Capital News Service**  
CLEVELAND—The National Bar Association closed a successful convention here Friday with the election of Jesse S. Heslip, of Toledo, Ohio, to succeed Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia, as president. Other officers and regional directors elected were: Vice presidents: Euclid Taylor, Chicago; Josiah F. Henry, Baltimore; E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia. Secretary, George W. Lawrence, Chicago; assistant secretary, Ollie M. Cooper, District of Columbia; treasurer, Richard D. Evans, Waco, Texas; regional directors, Leland S. Hawkins, San Francisco; Gleaner Fowler, Minneapolis; Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis; William H. Haynes, Chicago; Charles F. Robinson, Washington, D. C. The association votes to hold its next convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.



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## Nat'l Bar Ass'n To Meet In Cleveland August 6-8

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Plans for the annual convention of the National Bar Association, Inc., to be held in Cleveland, O., August 6th to 8th, inclusive, are rapidly nearing completion. Interest in the coming convention has increased remarkably since the publication of the National Bar "Annual." The president, Raymond Pace Alexander, of Philadelphia, has appointed a pre-convention committee to work with the officers and directors. This committee is headed by Jesse Heslip, of Toledo, Ohio. 7-4-31

Two prominent speakers have been announced. Hon. Alexander H. Martin of the Cleveland bar will make the keynote address. Mr. Martin has chosen as his subject "The Challenge of Present Day Conditions to the American Lawyer."

Charles H. Houston, Vice-Dean of Howard University Law School, will address the convention on "The Justification for Higher Standards of Legal Education."

Mr. Houston's speech is expected to provoke considerable comment.

## NEWTON D. BAKER INVITED TO ADDRESS BAR ASSOCIATION

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war and an outstanding Democratic presidential possibility, is scheduled to welcome the National Bar association on behalf of the Cleveland Bar association when the seventh annual convention of the National Bar association opens in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 6. Mr. Baker is one of the recognized leaders of the Ohio bar and is perhaps the most vigorous and outstanding proponent of the late President Wilson's policy of American participation in world affairs through membership in the league of nations. 7-18-31

Three additional speakers have been announced for the convention through the office of President Raymond Pace Alexander. The Hon. Herman C. Moore, president of the Cook County Bar association, will speak on "The Importance of Local Bar Associations as Adjuncts to, or Branches of the National Bar Association." This is a most important subject to the bar convention, as it gives an opportunity for discussion of a topic that is expected to prove controversial. There are

two schools of thought on the subject—one maintaining that local bar associations should be conducted as branches of the national association. The reactionary group takes the opposite view and prefers the independence of the local associations. "The Legislature as a Laboratory of Ideas Reflecting Public Opinion" is the subject chosen by the Hon. Charles Jenkins, prominent Chicago attorney and member of the Illinois legislature. Mr. Jenkins' address, which will be delivered at a meeting open to the general public, is timely in view of the increasing numbers of Negro legislators being elected in the various states.

Former Senator John P. Green of Cleveland, the oldest practicing member of the Ohio bar, will make a most interesting address on "The Negro Lawyer—His Progress During My 50 Years at the Bar." Senator Green, who is 82 years old, has practiced continuously for over 50 years and formerly served as a member of the Ohio state senate.

## BAR ASSOCIATION CLOSES MEET

With more than 100 delegates from all parts of the United States the National Bar Association, composed primarily of Negro lawyers, held its Seventh Annual session, August 6th and 7th at the Western Reserve Republican Club at E. 55th and Cedar Ave. 9-18-31

Welcome addresses were delivered by Mayor John D. Marshall, Selzo C. Glenn and Councilman Clayborne George. Responses were given by Attorney Chas. H. Calloway of Kansas City, Mo. and Horman E. Moore, president of the Cook County Bar Association of Chicago, Illinois. Invocation was delivered by the Rev. James P. Foote, pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church.

Among the prominent colored lawyers in attendance at the convention were: Silas Carner, of St. Louis, Mo.; Sidney R. Redmond, St. Louis, Mo.; A. B. Conn, Toledo, Ohio; Jos. L. McLemore, St. Louis, Mo.; E. W. Rhodes, Philadelphia, Pa.; C. C. Wimbich, Chicago, Ill.; Chas. N. Robinson, Washington, D. C.; Violet N. Anderson, Chicago, Ill.; A. M. Burroughs, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Bledsoe, St. Louis, Mo.; F. B. Ranson, Indianapolis, Ind.; M. R. Perry, Indianapolis, Ind.; C. R. Wheaton, Toledo, O.; Josiah F. Henry, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Chas. H. Houston, Washington, D. C.; C. Francis Stradford, Chicago, Ill.; Jesse S. Heslip, Toledo, Ohio; Glesner Fowler, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Richard Evans, Waco, Texas.

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## HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

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*Amsterdam News*  
*New York, N.Y.*  
Legal Body Addressed by Judge James A. Cobb and Clarence Darrow—Atty. Patterson Discusses Scottsboro Case

8-12-31

Cleveland, Aug. 10.—The National Bar Association, assembled in its seventh annual convention here last week, elected Jesse Heslip of Toledo, Ohio, as its president to succeed Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia, who completed a two-year term in that office. Mr. Heslip, a graduate of Harvard Law School, is an outstanding member of the Ohio Bar. He served overseas as a captain of infantry during the World War. Vice-presidents elected were: E. Washington Rhodes of Philadelphia, Josiah F. Henry of Baltimore, and Euclid Taylor of Chicago. Treasurer, Richard D. Evans of Waco, Texas; assistant secretary, (Miss) Ollie Cooper of Washington; secretary, George W. Lawrence of Chicago, who was re-elected.

Regional directors: William Haines of Chicago; Sidney R. Redmond of St. Louis; J. Glesner Fowler of Minneapolis; Charles Robinson of Washington; S. Leland S. Hawkins of San Francisco; R. McCants Andrews of Durham, N. C.

The board of directors, which is limited to the ex-presidents of the association, consists of George H. Woodson of Des Moines, Iowa; Charles H. Calloway of Kansas City; C. Francis Stradford of Chicago, and Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia.

At the huge public meeting held at St. John's A.M.E. Church over 2,500 people crowded into the spacious edifice to hear Judge James A. Cobb of Washington and Clarence Darrow of Chicago address the convention. Other speakers on the program in addition to the retiring president were Lawrence O. Payne, Norman L. McGhee of Cleveland, and Sully James of Springfield, Ohio.

### Scottsboro Case Discussed.

The proceedings of the convention were enlivened by a discussion of the Scottsboro "Legal Lynching" case. William H. Patterson, famous Negro Communist lawyer of New York City, and Joseph R. Brodsky of the International Labor Defense were granted the privilege of addressing the assembled lawyers in behalf of their organization's efforts to raise money for the defense of the eight boys now under sentence of death.

This brought about a heated discussion as to the relative merits of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's legal

The addresses at the closed sessions of the convention were delivered by the Honorable Herman E. Moore of Chicago, Charles R. Houston of Washington, Alexander H. Martin of Cleveland and Edward H. Morris of Chicago, and others.



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New Jersey

**YOUNG NEGRO LAWYER  
GETS BERTH ON NEW  
JERSEY EDUCATION BOARD**

*Gary American*  
CAMDEN, N. J. — (CNS) — Robert Burke Johnson, young attorney of this city, was appointed a member of the board of education Tuesday by Mayor Price to succeed Dr. M. D. Cornish, white, who died December 30. Johnson, who is 26, also maintains offices in the city of Philadelphia.

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## Negro Must Achieve His Own Destiny, Jurist Says at Lawyers' Dinner Here

*Amsterdam News*  
4-29-31  
Late Robert H. Terrell of D. C. Municipal Court Lauded at Association Banquet and at Local Memorial Meeting

"The Constitution is sufficiently broad to give the Negro every right; the only thing needed is application," Judge James A. Cobb of the District of Columbia Municipal Court told the Harlem Lawyers' Association at its fifth annual banquet Saturday evening at St. Luke's, 125 West 130th street.

"The Negro as a minority race must work out his own destiny through education, industry and the arts, and he must have an equal respect for all peoples," the judge said. The criminal work of the lawyer, Judge Cobb said, is only a minor part of the many tasks performed by the attorney who is a constructive force in society. The jurist also took occasion to praise Negro newspapers of today for their growing national spirit and their efforts to give the public real news.

Judge Cobb was introduced by Attorney William H. Austin. A history of the Harlem association was given by Demerald Williams, secretary. He lauded Arthur A. Madison as the first president of the organization, and the person largely responsible for its formation. Louis A. Lavelle, oldest Harlem lawyer in point of practice, is the president now.

### Medical Leaders Speak

Dr. James L. Wilson, president of the Manhattan Medical Society, urged closer co-operation between the professions and the laity, and asserted that the professional men know their problems better than persons of other races. "It is the duty of the legal profession to take an active part in the shaping of political affairs," Dr. C. A. Randolph, head of the North Harlem Medical Society, said.

Raymond Pace Alexander, president of the National Bar Association, eulogized the late Judge Robert H. Terrell of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia.

Others speakers were Assemblyman James E. Stephens, William M. Kelley, editor of The Amsterdam News; Col. Charles W. Fillmore, Republican leader of the Nineteenth Assembly district; Alderman Fred R. Moore, editor of The New York Age, and Mr.

## N.Y. WOMAN LAWYER TAKES OFF HER HAT TO ARGUE HER CASES

*Afro-American*  
At First Judges Mistook Her for Her Clients. Male Lawyers Sought to Take Advantage of First Portia. Women Prefer a Man as a Lawyer but are Willing to Trust a Woman Lawyer Further.

By GEORGE B. MURPHY, Jr.

NEW YORK—In the shadow of old St. Paul's Church on lower Broadway is situated one of the older office buildings. There is none of the bronze and enduro metal that one associates immediately with the Irving Trust Building or the New Empire State office building.

On the fifth floor of this building, tucked away in an office whose walls are covered with mottoes and words from the lips of men like J. P. Morgan and Al Smith, sits a petite and laughing little lady. She resembles a mere slip of a girl, with her fluffy bobbed hair and her ready smile. One is very pleasantly disappointed in the type of woman she represents in the august field of the law. None of your stiff sleeves, and collars for her, none of the severity professional women effect to show the world that they can do a man's job as well as a man. She is just a charmingly personable young lady who loves the law, and who gets a great big kick out of it.

### Home and Profession

Ruth Whitehead Whaley is that unusual person who has been able to combine a profession with the home and family life that husbands and children look for in mothers. And she has made a success of it too.

"The attitude of the law school is that it is still a man's institution," she began.

"Mistakes made by a girl are more apt to be ridiculed as absurd while the same mistakes made by a man are passed over without a qualm. But to the woman of superior ability, some deference is shown; all students know her and the teachers, too."

### First to Enter

Mrs. Whaley was the first girl to enter the Fordham Law School, and throughout her entire attendance, maintained an average above the other students of the entire school.

"The fact that a woman happens to be excellent in a man's field, naturally sets her apart. If she is of low calibre, they say, 'I told you so,'" said Mrs. Whaley.

"I suppose you could hardly call my case typical of the average woman lawyer, but there are certain fundamental obstacles that every woman in the field encounters and looks for. All during my law school days my record was in the public eye at least once a year. So you see this was a break for me. It was serving to pave a way for me that I little

### Cannot Take Advantage

"When they find out that they cannot take advantage of you, they have a wholesome respect for you and advertise it."

"There is one peculiar advantage that a woman lawyer has; you find that clients, once they are convinced of her ability and integrity, place far more confidence in her than they would in a man. I think this is due largely to the fact that a client will go in to the qualifications of a woman lawyer more thoroughly than would be the case of a man. Naturally, they are willing to trust her more after investigation."

"Women generally prefer a man to a woman in the handling of legal matters. This is due no doubt, to custom."

### Usually Bad Loser

"It is interesting to watch the reaction of a woman lawyer in court. She is generally a bad loser, and is not as good a sport as a man."

"The man who employs a woman lawyer does so because he is convinced of her superior ability, and that is the only reason. There is the gentleman of the old school who, when he employs a woman in this field, feels obligated to take her to lunch, but this is rarely done now."

### Be Careful

"The attitude of the public toward the woman in the professions is still inimical. It puts her on the defensive. She has to be careful of her actions. Men get the notion that because she has more freedom than the woman who makes her home her career, she is just as free in her morals. There are many things that the professional woman has to endure. And then there is the question of demeanor. If she is serious, people say she is masculine; if she is natural, they accuse her of trading on her sex, and so it goes, she is put between the devil and the deep blue sea."

### Public Speaking

"I think that the trouble with most women who start out to practice law may be summed up in two facts. She lacks the contacts that a man acquires easily. Where ever a woman has these contacts she makes as much and more than a man of corresponding ability. In the second place she lacks the avenues for making these contacts that men enjoy. In my case I started off with some measure of publicity because of my school work, my speaking, and my political affiliations. I think all of this is good business. I can attribute and trace directly at least one case to every time I have spoken in public."

### Future is Bright

"I think the future of the woman lawyer is as bright as that of the man. She will have to be better than the average man in the field and neither the community nor the profession will permit her to make many mistakes is true of the Negro woman lawyer is

### Went to Office

"When I was graduated six years ago, I came immediately to my office down here and have been here ever since. My office was all prepared for me and there was a great basket of flowers on the desk for me from my best boy friend, my husband. You see, it was through him that I first became interested in the law. Had he not urged me to it, I think I would still be teaching school."

"I felt that I was going to practice the law, and looked for no obstacles; maybe it was my naive attitude that helped me through the first years. I got a case the first day after I had settled in my office. The case was settled out of court. And it has gone on from there."

### Prestige

"I located my office downtown because it makes for prestige and puts me into intimate touch with the people I want to see officially. In other words I believe it is good business."

### First Case

"I was highly elated over my first case, and felt that I would have other clients to come in. They did. My husband himself, an embryo lawyer, pushed me with his inspiration and believed in me. I think I experienced no stage fright in my first case because I was accustomed to speaking in public. I have found that speaking in public helps me to keep poise, control my voice and meet and know people better, and this too is good business tact."

### No Hat

"I never speak in court with my hat on. The fact that a woman generally removes her hat when trying a case is the result of custom, I believe. Oftentimes I was mistaken for my client; it got to be very amusing. I could easily see how it happened; first because of my size and then because I was a woman. When the judges found out their errors they were always profuse in their apologies. Most of them know me now and this confusion rarely happens."

"The attitude of the man toward a woman lawyer is generally skeptical—he will generally try to take advantage of her—and that is a fact." With a slight nod, Mrs. Whaley punctuates many of her sentences with the above expression.



true of the Negro woman lawyer is also true of the white woman lawyer.

"My husband and I are not in partnership and my problems are my own, and must be solved by me. That is what gives confidence to clients. When I go home I leave the law down here at the office. My son and I are pals, and I have no foolish notions about what I want him to be. He is just six years old and has plenty of time to decide. Whatever he is I want him to be the best.

"Yes, I expect to practice law for the rest of my life. I love it, and my husband not only approves, but encourages me, and that means everything. I think you would call that a break, eh?" she said with a nod of her head.



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North Carolina

# U. of North Carolina Hears Atty. Andrews

(Photo on Picture Page)

DURHAM, N. C., July 31.—Attorney R. McCants Andrews addressed a class in the summer school of the University of North Carolina on July 15 on the subject, "The Negro Lawyer and His Role in Racial Readjustment."

The address gave in some detail the history and progress of the profession among Negroes, outlining the three 30-year political cycles around which the profession has developed.

The first cycle covers the preconstruction and reconstruction period, ending about 1870. Many of the foremost leaders of southern governments during this period were lawyers, several of them graduates of leading law schools of the North.

The development of the second cycle extends to 1898, at which time the southern governments had been recaptured by anti-Negro Democrats and many men of the profession began their trek to the North and West. This period is marked by a concentration of federal patronage and office holding as a compensation for loss of southern prestige.

The third cycle, dating from 1898 to the present, has witnessed the abandonment of localized patronage policy and the diffusion of the men of the profession in the various states of the North and West.

The civil rights issues, especially those rising under the 14th and 15th amendments and the state constitutions, were discussed and civil rights organizations were mentioned. Treatment was also given to our women attorneys, our judges, contemporary legislators and a discussion of the practice of law in the South.

The work of the National Bar association was reviewed and many leading cases prosecuted and defended by our attorneys were cited to show the contribution which has been made to the body of American law.



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PERRY B. JACKSON

### Assists Students

*Age 10-17-31*  
*New York*  
Cleveland, O.—(RSS)—Attorney Perry B. Jackson, member of the Ohio State Legislature from Cuyahoga County, has been instrumental in securing state scholarships for nearly 100 students at Wilberforce University. The scholarships are from a fund provided by the State. Attorney Jackson is a member of the law firm of Jackson & Ballard.



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# Philadelphia Lawyers

## Entertain Gathering

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—

One hundred and forty men, representing the various business, professional and other worthwhile walks of life, as well as six women members of different professions, were guests Saturday evening, May 2, at a banquet given by the John M. Langston Bar association at the Golden Dawn cafe.

It is doubtful if Philadelphia has ever witnessed a more representative gathering than this one.

As the banquet drew near to close the chairman and toastmaster, John Francis Williams, Esq., called upon various men from the different groups for two-minute talks. Those who responded were Dr. T. Spotuas, Dr. J. G. Moore, Dr. Albert M. Burwell of the Douglass hospital, who spoke for that group and its work, and who is also an ex-president of the National Medical association; Dr. John P. Turner, likewise an ex-president of the National Medical association, medical examiner for the school board and a candidate for membership on the board of education; Lena Trent Gordon, well-known civic, political and welfare leader; Dr. Charles W. Dorsey; Dr. Henry M. Minton, head of the Mercy hospital; Mrs. Maude Morrisette, long a prominent figure in the domestic relations division of the municipal court; Magistrate Edward W. Henry, exalted ruler of O. V. Catton Lodge of Elks; John M. Marquess, exalted ruler of the Quaker City Lodge of Elks; Representatives Samuel B. Hart and William H. Fuller, who described the work being done at Harrisburg in furtherance of the civil rights bill and other legislation affecting the Race, and Walter C. Beckett, who brought a message from the undertakers.

All commended the spirit and purpose and work of the John M. Langston Bar association, especially in fostering a gathering of this sort and expressed a desire to see other groups follow the example of this association.

Among the many present were Scholley P. Alexander, Dr. Virginia M. Alexander, Dr. Eugene C. Allen, Dr. Wilbur L. Archer, Dr. R. Wellesley Bailey, Dr. W. Leon Brown, Dr. Aldrich R. Burton, Dr. Vivian F. Bailey, John M. Brown, Dr. Percy I. Bowser, John Baugh, Dr. W. Harry Barnes, Dr. J. Max Barber, Henry Black, Daniel Baxter, Handy Beckett, Walter C. Beckett, Malcolm Bryant,

Dr. G. C. Brannon, Dr. T. S. Burwell, Charles W. Clark, Dr. E. B. Clark, Dr. Lawrence D. Christmas, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Charles Chew, Walter W. H. Casselle, William H. Claxton, Dr. Kirksey Curd, Dr. William Beverly Carter, Dr. W. B. Dangerfield, Cooper, Richard Cooper, Dr. Charles W. Dorsey, James Lacey Doss, Dr. M. B. Dabney, Prince L. Edwoods, Linton Fisher, Dr. Clarence Greene, Robert Forgy, Cornelius H. Garlick, Eustace Gay, Mrs. Lena Trent Gordon, Samuel B. Hart, Dr. Eugene T. Hinson, Dr. Frederick M. Hopkins, Richard Hill Jr., Robert Henderson, Francis Holbrook, James A. Holland, William F. Hagans, John W. Harris, Sr., Hon. Edward W. Henry, Dr. William M. Hamilton, Dr. William R. Henry, Dr. Robert W. Henry, Frank Hopkins, Dr. Edward Howell, Dr. William J. Harvey, George A. Jeter, Dr. Walter F. Jerrick, Dr. William B. Jackson, Hally Johns, George Jones, Paul Keene, Mrs. Josephine B. Keene, Dr. Charles A. Lewis, Dr. Melvin M. Lofton, W. S. Lockley, Dr. Charles W. Maxwell, Dr. J. C. Moyse, Dr. J. G. Moore, Dr. Albert M. Burwell of the Douglass hospital, Dr. James L. Martin, Dr. Henry M. Minton, John M. Marquess, Dr. Robert P. Matthews, Dr. Donald Maddox, William T. McKnight, John C. McKain, William Morris, Santa Maude A. Morrisett, Mrs. Jennie E. Morris, Dr. Nathan F. Mossell, Benjamin H. Nichols, Dr. M. N. Pannell, Hobson Reynolds, Mrs. Hobson Reynolds, Lenerte Roberts, Dr. John L. Reeves, James Slade, Dr. Frederick G. Slade, Dr. Howard Stratton, Joseph T. Seth, Dr. Leon F. Sarjeant, Dr. Howard E. Townes, Benner C. Turner, Dr. John P. Turner, Samuel A. Trent, Dr. Fred J. Thompkins, Dr. Berton C. Truitt, William A. Upshur, Ernest Wright, Royal Weaver, William J. Whiteman, John Williams, Julian St. George White, Forest White, Dr. C. G. Wooding, Dr. Dallas Wiggins, Dr. Dayton Wilson, Dr. W. Rollo Wilson, Dr. Lonnie C. Wall, Dr. William E. Whyte, Clarence R. Whyte, Dr. A. E. West, and the following members of the bar association: Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Raymond Pace Alexander, William H. Fuller, Maceo W. Hubbard, Herbert E. Millen, Lewis Tanner Moore, Mercer Lewis, Walter R. Livingston, Robert Nix, J. Austin Norris, E. Washington Rhodes, Fleming D. Tucker and John Francis Williams.

# PHILADELPHIA

## JUDGE SPEAKS TO BAR GROUP

Perry Howard, Local Attorney, Re-elected President Of Association

5-27-31

Declaring that the racketeering interests are reaching out for the brightest legal intellects to protect them, Judge Edward W. Henry, Philadelphia magistrate, frankly discussed the hold which racketeers have gotten on the judiciary in the larger cities of America, before the Washington Bar Association at the Musolit Club last Thursday.

Judge Henry told the bar group, composed of some of the leading Negro attorneys, that in parts of the country where judges are elected by the people, racketeering interests are taking a powerful hold on the judiciary. The election of the association's officers followed the Philadelphia magistrate's address.

Perry W. Howard, Republican national committeeman from Mississippi and prominent local attorney, was unanimously re-elected to head the association. Other officers re-elected were: Augustus W. Gray, vice-president; George W. Peterson, secretary; W. D. West, corresponding secretary; N. B. Dodson, second vice-president, and Charles H. Toms, treasurer.



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# WEST VIRGINIA LAWYER PUT ON STATE EDUCATION BOARD

*Chicago, Ill.*

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BECKLEY, W. Va., July 17.—Attorney Brown W. Payne, a leading lawyer of this half-mile-above-the-sea-level city, has made public official correspondence from Governor William G. Conley of West Virginia confirming an Associated Press dispatch that he had been appointed on the advisory council of the state board of education. The appointment adds laurels to a long line of brilliant achievements in the career of this lawyer.

Attorney Payne was born in the foothills of the Allegheny mountains in the little village of Buffalo Gap, Va., 52 years ago. He completed the normal course of Virginia Normal and Collegiate institute at Petersburg, earned the bachelor degree at Fisk university and completed the law course of Howard university.

Attorney Payne is the first member of the Race to practice law here and secured to the Race of his county, Raleigh, in a supreme court battle, a vindication of their right to sit on the juries. In 1925 he was an alternate delegate to the national Republican convention at Cleveland and has held several local offices both, appointive and elective.